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City Council Meeting

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The resolution in support of Nadeem Mazem is important to this entire community and I speak in support of it. I was the founder director/teacher at Dandelion School from 1971-2002... until it closed.

I am now a volunteer assistant one day a week to the Kindergarten teacher at Al Bustan, the preschool at 812 Memorial Drive. It is a faith based school that has been a part of the Cambridge early childhood community for over 15 years.

It is very important that all children get the message that although some adults have the right to free speech that we are clear that we will stand up and say a loud NO to speech that is full of hate and lies. It is a form of bullying that we as a strong multicultural city will take on by using the printed word and our voices to rebut racism and support our open and diverse community, as we in Cambridge usually do.

Nadeem is a city councilor but also he is a leader in the Muslim community and he was instrumental in bringing together an interfaith group that stood in support of the Cambridge Mosque when it was under attack last year by a hate group. We know who they are and they have a long record of Islamaphobia.

Thank you to the Cambridge City Councilors for taking the lead in challenging their racist slander.